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**Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement**

The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the three (3) references cited on the accompanying 1449 form. These three (3) references were cited in a PCT search report along with other references that have already been considered by the Examiner in this application or the parent application. The PCT search report was in the PCT application corresponding to the parent of this application.

One of the references is non-English language. The Applicant is thus submitting a copy of the English-language search report as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.98(3)(i).

1. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) this Statement is being filed (one must be checked):

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Within 3 months of the filing date or date of entry into the National application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d);

- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Within 3 months of the date of entry of the National Stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an international application;
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits; or
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114.

2. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) this statement is being filed:

- (1) X After the periods specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) and before the mailing date of any of a final action under § 1.113, a notice of allowance under § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, and it is accompanied by one of:
  - (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the statement specified in paragraph (e) of this section; or
  - (3) \_\_\_\_\_ The fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

3. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) this statement is being filed:

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ After the period specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), provided that the information disclosure statement is filed on or before payment of the issue fee and is accompanied by:
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  - (3) \_\_\_\_\_ The fee set forth in § 1.17(p).

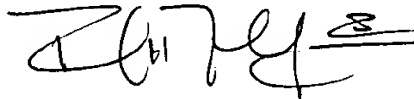
4. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), the Applicant states that:

- (1) X Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement; or
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_ No item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the

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Respectfully submitted at Canton, Ohio this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003.

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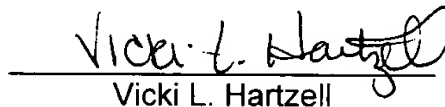


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